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COMPUTER SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Held at CIA Headquarters
Langley, Virginia
5 January 1973

1. The sixty-seventh meeting of the Computer Security
Subcommittee of the United States Intelligence Board Security
Committee was held on 5 January 1973 between 0930 and 1205
hours in Room 4E-64 CIA Headquarters Building.   In attendance
were:

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Mr. Terence J. Shea, State Member

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Major John C. Karp, Army Member

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Captain Frederick R. Tucker, Air Force Member

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Mr. John H. Skaggs, FBI Member
Mr. Michael F. Murphy, Treasury/USSS Member

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2. The security level of the meeting was announced as Top Secret SI/TK.

3. The instant meeting was held in executive session to permit candid discussion of the proposed upgrading to the TK level of the Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS) and the security problems associated with this proposal.

4. The Subcommittee acknowledged the DIA proposal to the IHC as one method of addressing the security problem associated with the introduction of TK material to COINS. However, pursuit of this method, viz. securing to the SI/TK level the entire network including all personnel and facilities associated with the system, was not believed to be the most practical approach.

5. Alternatively, the Subcommittee considered the possibility of raising the security level of COINS by securing its individual sub-systems or nodes to the TK level either through isolation techniques or by accrediting such sub-systems for compartmented operation under the provisions of DCID 1/16.

6. A model of this type was exercised in discussion and applied to the several COINS sub-systems and nodes. In these applications, it appeared that most of the sub-systems are now or may in the future be secured to the SI/TK level through isolation techniques. The RYE/COINS complex at NSA may be accreditable for compartmented operations under DCID 1/16. The NSA member is exploring the possibility of conducting a security test of this sub-system and of subsequent accreditation under the terms of the Directive. The CONAD/NORAD node was identified as requiring
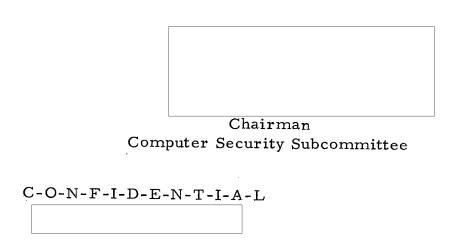
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further study, especially in view of Air Force plans to upgrade
the existing hardware. The Air Force member will obtain further
information on these upgrading plans.

7. The Chairman reported to the Subcommittee his briefing
of the adhoc group sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secre-
tary of Defense (Intelligence), which is conducting an evaluation of
COINS. He reported that this group is scheduled to complete its
report by 1 February 1973. Subcommittee members are aware
that the group is paying heed to the security issues involved in
COINS development.

8. Discussions at the instant meeting accented the possi-
bility of a shorter range solution to the COINS TK problem, but
continued to acknowledge the time required to secure the DIA sub-
system through isolation techniques. Further, it was allowed that
these discussions of a near term solution were based on current
COINS configuration and did not include the need to approve the
introduction of individual TK files into the network.

9. While the instant meeting did not resolve the problems
associated with the proposed upgrading, some options were iden-
tified deserving of further exploration.

10. Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Computer Security
Subcommittee was scheduled for 0930 hours on 19 January 1973.
In addition to continued discussion of the COINS issue, the agenda
is anticipated to include a review of the draft outline of a proposed
Intelligence Community computer security policy paper.

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Chairman
Computer Security Subcommittee

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